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Employees of the Month recognized at Police Commission Meeting

LĪHU'E – The Kaua'i Police Department (KPD) recognized 10 employees during August's Police Commission meeting held on Aug. 30, at the Pi'ikoi Building.

The following Patrol Services Bureau officers were honored as KPD's Employees of the Month: Sergeant Kenneth Carvalho, Officer Johnathan Anderson, Officer James Gause Jr., Officer Matthew Kaluahine, Officer Kalama Lingaton, Officer Blake Moura, Officer Rolland Peahu Jr., Officer Isaiah Sarsona, Officer Jason Scalzo, and Officer Clayton Silva Jr.

During the month of June, these officers conducted patrols of Ke Ala Hele Makālae – the multi-use path in Kapa'a – in preparation for the annual Mayor-a-thon. While conducting patrols of the area, they observed large pieces of trash and tires left on the ground. Officer Scalzo in particular took the first initiative to begin removing the trash, with the support of Sgt. Carvalho and the district officers on duty.

Since June, all of the 10 patrol officers have contributed significantly to the safety and beautification of the Kapa'a path through regular patrols of the area.

"Words are hard to describe just how much these officers have done to improve the conditions of the Kapa'a multi-use path," said Chief of Police Todd Raybuck. "They saw a need and stepped above and beyond their call of duty to meet that need, and it has made a big difference in our community. The public rarely gets to see the great things that police officers do



and the sacrifices that they make. So today I am proud to honor these 10 outstanding men for their efforts to make this community a better place for us all.”

During the ceremony, the officers were also recognized by Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami for their efforts and increased presence along the Kapa’a path, which has shown a significant decrease in criminal activity.

“Our office would often receive calls from people who didn’t feel safe in a place that was built for families to enjoy,” said Mayor Kawakami. “We thank these officers for taking this initiative and dedicating their time and service to meet the requests and needs of our community. Because of their continuous patrols and efforts, Ke Ala Hele Makālae is a safer place for us all to enjoy on a daily basis.”

Chief Raybuck and the Police Commission presented each officer with a special lei, certificate, and Chief’s coin at Friday’s ceremony. Mayor Kawakami also presented the officers with a certificate of appreciation.



Above: 10 officers were recognized at the Police Commission meeting on Friday for their continuous efforts to clean and patrol the Ke Ala Hele Makālae – the multi-use path in Kapa’a.



Above: Shown are some of the large pieces of trash and tires the officers have removed from the Kapa'a path.

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